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* President Pinochet wishes that Gen. Walters receive an emissary for the purpose of learning Chile's position on the human rights issue for passage to Secretary Kissinger.

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[REDACTED] BRIEFED ON [REDACTED] AND MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT: FEELS LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONTRERAS IN EXPLAINING HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS, CONCERNS, ETC. TO SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS, GIVEN CHILEAN LEADERSHIP'S DISTORTED VIEW OF THEIR OWN SITUATION, BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT THIS ASPECT OF PLANNED VISIT NOT JUSTIFIED FROM OUR STANDPOINT AND, IF THERE WERE PUBLICITY, COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. ON THE OTHERHAND

[REDACTED] RECOGNIZES VALUE IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET, WHO SHOULD NOT BE LED TO BELIEVE WE ARE REBUFFING HIS EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH US. THEREFORE, THINKS IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF GENERAL WALTERS COULD GIVE CONTRERAS A LITTLE TIME TO ALLOW LATTER TO UNBURDEN HIMSELF ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND, THUS, LET LEADERSHIP LET OFF STEAM. [REDACTED]

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